



Jenifer Ann "Jenie" Leger Fontenot

January 5, 1955 - November 15, 2025

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Branch, LA - Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2025 at a 11:00 am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Edmund Catholic Church in Branch for Jenifer Ann "Jenie" Leger Fontenot, 70, who died Saturday November 15, 2025, at her residence in Branch, LA.

Inurnment will be held at a later date in the St. Edmund Cemetery in Branch, LA.

Rev. Singarayar Arockiam, Pastor of St. Edmund Catholic Church in Branch, LA will be the Celebrant of the Funeral Mass and will conduct the funeral services.

If you knew Jenie, you knew she was a firecracker wrapped in a big laugh, a bigger heart, and just enough mischief to keep every room awake. She was always the loudest in the room and impossible to ignore. And, if you were lucky, you walked out of that room carrying one of her famous carrot beignets—because feeding people was one of her love languages.

Nicknamed "Frog" by her daddy, Jenie lived with the same energy her nickname hinted at—jumping headfirst into everything: dancing, laughing, loving, and opening her door to anyone who needed a meal, a couch, or a place to feel like family. To most who came through her home, she wasn't "Mrs. Jenifer"—she was Maw Jeni, the unofficial neighborhood aunt, mama, and counselor, always ready for a chat on her front porch.

Jenie was also affectionately known as "The Avon Lady," as she spent over 40 years walking into the homes of customers, who quickly turned into lifelong friends—delivering Avon products, sometimes fresh produce from her garden, and always a heartwarming smile.

In the late 1980s, Jenie and her companion Beverly Ann Terro opened and ran BJ's

Dance Hall in Rayne until its closing in 2001. The dance hall became a local staple, hosting Cajun artists and giving the community a place to gather, dance, and celebrate the culture she loved so much.

Most of all, she leaves behind a community of people who danced with her, laughed with her, cried with her, and were loved fiercely by her. The world is quieter without Jenie—but the stories, the laughter, and the joy she scattered everywhere will echo for generations.

She is survived by her two children, Cyprien Fontenot, Jodi Leger Savoy and spouse Justin Savoy, seven grandchildren, Mckayla Fontenot, Sebastian Thibodeaux, Davyn Cutrer, Christopher Savoy, Amya Fontenot, Braze Savoy, and Ahna Savoy, daughter in law, Rhonda Castille, sister in law, Candy Matte Leger, one niece, Jazzy Leger Thibodeaux and spouse Seth Thibodeaux, one nephew, Ty Leger. She also leaves behind a growing legacy—including a great-grandson named Kalas, who is already on the way through her grandson, Davyn Cutrer—a baby she was excited to welcome into the world, even though she won't be here to hold him.

Jenie is preceded in death by her husband, Walter Kenneth Fontenot; her daughter Amy Louise Fontenot; her companion Beverly Ann Terro; her parents Percy and Mildred Gautreaux Leger; and her brother Toby Leger.

A Rosary will be prayed Friday, November 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm in Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne, LA.

The family requests that visitation be observed in Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne, LA on Friday, November 21, 2025 from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm and on Saturday, November 22, 2025 from 8:00 am to 10:30 am.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at www.gossenfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne, LA, (337) 334-3141.

Gossen Funeral Home, Inc.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Gossen Funeral Home Inc.
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Rosary

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Mass

NOV 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Edmund Catholic Church
8355 Branch Highway
Branch, LA

Tribute Wall



“ Gossen Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Jenifer Ann "Jenie" Leger Fontenot



Gossen Funeral Home Inc. - November 20, 2025 at 11:48 AM

BC

“ I only spent a few holidays around Jenie but on every occasion she went out of her way to make me feel like one of the family. And despite being quite busy cooking etc. made sure that within moments I had a cold drink in one hand and a plate of food in the other. She was also just extremely easy to talk to, even for a misanthrope like me.

I wish Jodi and the rest of Jenie's family peace and comfort in this time of sorrow.

Benjamin Coyne - November 22, 2025 at 12:36 PM

JJ

“ Jenie “Mom” opened her heart and home for me. She accepted me into her family. I’m so appreciative for all the time we spent together. I lost my mom when I was just 7 years old so I adopted Jenie as my mother. She treated me as one of her own. I’m heartbroken that she left us too soon.

Jill Johnson - November 21, 2025 at 03:02 PM

RM

“ Ronnie Myers lit a candle in memory of Jenifer Ann "Jenie" Leger Fontenot



Ronnie Myers - November 19, 2025 at 10:04 AM

RG

“ Rhonda Guidry lit a candle in memory of Jenifer Ann
"Jenie" Leger Fontenot



Rhonda Guidry - November 18, 2025 at 08:43 AM

RG

“ Jennifer was a very kind hearted person. That never forget.
I cared for her and miss her and amy very much.



Renee gossen - November 17, 2025 at 07:25 PM

DC

“ Daphne Comeaux lit a candle in memory of Jenifer Ann
"Jenie" Leger Fontenot



Daphne Comeaux - November 17, 2025 at 06:38 PM

BM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Becky Meche - November 17, 2025 at 05:28 PM